

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 5, and 7 have been amended. Claims 3-4 and 10 have been cancelled. Claims 1-2, 5-9 and 11-12 are pending and under consideration.

Using independent claim 12 as an example, this claim recites that the upper heater 12 is sloped downward. The Examiner relies upon the upper heater 42 of Clark. However, there is no disclosure that the upper heater 42 is sloped downward. Fig. 2 of the reference illustrates the upper heater 42 in cross section and Fig. 3 is a top view of the element. A downward slope cannot be detected from either of these perspectives. Fig. 4 is a circuit diagram depicting the upper heater 42 as a resistor. It is submitted that a circuit diagram also could not indicate a slope. Referring to the text of the reference, there is no disclosure that the upper heater 42 is sloped downward.

Hedenberg does not overcome these deficiencies in Clark, and is not relied on by the Examiner to do so.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

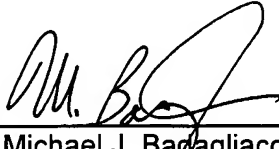
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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